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Via Facsimile and First Class Mail

Office of the General Counsel
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20463

Attention: Alva E. Smith

Re: **MUR 5586—Florida Democratic Party, Respondent**

Dear Ms. Smith:

Our firm represents respondent Florida Democratic Party in the above-captioned MUR. A Statement of Designation of Counsel is attached hereto.

Please be advised that "Florida Democratic Victory 2004" is not a separate entity or organization of any kind, but simply a project name utilized by the Florida Democratic Party. Accordingly, "Florida Democratic Victory 2004" should not be treated as a separate respondent and will not be separately represented in this matter.

The Florida Democratic Party received the Complaint in this matter on November 8, 2004, only a few days after the 2004 General Election. As is usual at this time, the State Party is experiencing significant staff turnover. A number of senior staff involved in the Florida Democratic Victory 2004 project are in transition or on vacation. In addition, the files and records from this election cycle are still being collected and organized.

In these circumstances, it will be impossible to prepare a meaningful response to the Complaint within 15 days. Accordingly, the Florida Democratic Party requests an extension of twenty (20) days in which to respond to the Complaint.

If this request for extension is granted, the response would be due on December 13, 2004.

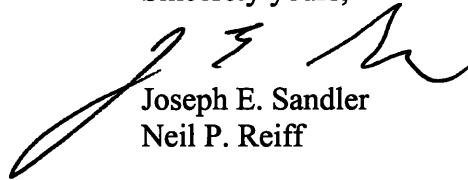
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Thank you for your time and attention to this request.

Sincerely yours,

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The above named individual is hereby designated as my counsel and is authorized to receive any notifications and other communications from the Commission and to act on my behalf before the Commission.

November 16, 2004
Date

Scott Maddox
Signature

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Information is being sought as part of an investigation being conducted by the Federal Election Commission and the confidentiality provisions of 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12)(A) apply. This section prohibits making public any investigation conducted by the Federal Election Commission without the express written consent of the person under investigation.

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